

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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## Bus Route Linking Harford and Cecil Counties Now Operational

*Communities of Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, and Perryville Served*

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County's newest bus route, Route #7 (also called the "Teal Line") began serving Harford and Cecil counties on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The route has nine scheduled roundtrips throughout the day, with the first departing the Aberdeen Train Station at 6:00 a.m. with the last bus returning at 6:17 p.m.

As with other Harford Transit Link routes, **Route #7** will run Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays. A round trip from Aberdeen will take between one and two hours depending on the time of day. Stops along the route will include the McDonald's in Havre de Grace, Concord Apartments in Perryville, the Perryville Train Station, Perry Point VA Medical Center, Hollywood Casino, and the Perryville Outlet Center. In addition, three of the nine trips include a spur into downtown Havre de Grace, with stops at Pat's Pizza, Harford Memorial Hospital, and the Graw Apartments.

The new route is the result of a partnership between the Maryland Transit Administration, Harford County Government, and Cecil County Government. Half of the funding for the project comes from a federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant, which is administered in Maryland by the MTA.

On January 9, 2012, Harford County Executive David R. Craig was joined by Cecil County Board of Commissioners President James T. Mullin and MTA Deputy Administrator Simon Taylor as they announced this new local bus route linking Harford and Cecil Counties.

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“Our two counties, as well as the sister communities of Havre de Grace and Perryville have a long history of being closely tied in terms of both culture and commerce,” remarked County Executive David R. Craig. “While some see the river as a barrier or a divider, we have always seen it as something that brings our communities together. This transit linkage is a project that is much needed and something for which we have been planning for quite some time. We appreciate the partnership we have developed with the MTA and with Cecil County, and we hope that this new route will be successful and will improve the ability of citizens in both counties to access employment, retail, and healthcare centers.”

For more information on this new bus route, including the schedule and route map, visit the Harford Transit LINK website at [www.harfordtransitlink.org](http://www.harfordtransitlink.org), or Cecil Transit at [www.ceciltransit.com](http://www.ceciltransit.com). Citizens may also call Harford Transit LINK at 410-612-1620, while Cecil Transit can be reached at 410-658-5574.

Harford Transit LINK is a public bus system operating ten fixed routes Monday through Friday (except County holidays), serving Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air, Belcamp, Churchville, Edgewood, Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, Perryman, Perryville (Cecil County), and points in between. Harford Transit LINK also links to MARC Train services to Baltimore and Washington, D.C.